

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. through 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The fixation device according to claim 16, wherein said second screw portion is integral with said shaft.

6. through 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A method of fixing a first member in a position relative to a second member, the method including the steps of:

(a) assembling a fixation device, said fixation device comprising:

(i) a shaft with a head and a longitudinal axis and a shaft thread along at least a portion of the shaft;

(ii) ~~an external screw thread on said head;~~

(iii) a first screw portion rotatable about said longitudinal axis and having a first internal threaded portion; and

(iv) ~~an internal screw thread on said first screw portion for engaging said external screw thread;~~

(viii) a second screw portion rotatable about said longitudinal axis independently of said first screw portion and having a second internal thread portion corresponding to the shaft thread; and

(vi) ~~a first external screw thread on the first screw portion and a second external screw thread on the second screw portions, wherein said first and second external threads are configured in a direction opposite to the direction of said external thread and adapted to engage a threaded bore in the first and second members;~~

wherein assembly of the fixation device includes sliding the first screw portion over the shaft toward the head and screwing said first second screw

portion ~~over~~ onto said shaft head;

- (b) forming said threaded bore in the first and second members;
- (c) introducing the assembled fixation device into said threaded bore;
- (d) operating the fixation device so that at least one of said first or second screw portions rotates relative to said threaded bore thereby engaging and positioning the first member relative to the second member, and
- (e) locking the fixation device in position using a retaining screw having an external thread corresponding to said first internal thread portion in the first screw portion, wherein said locking step includes engaging the retaining screw with the first internal thread portion to rest in abutment with the head, thereby substantially precluding rotation of the shaft relative to the first screw portion.

16. (Currently amended) A fixation device for arranging a first member in a position relative to a second member, the fixation device comprising:

- (a) a longitudinal shaft having a head and a longitudinal axis;
- (b) a first screw portion rotatable about said longitudinal axis, said first screw portion having a first internal screw thread; and
- (c) a second screw portion rotatable about said longitudinal axis independently of said first screw portion; and [[,]]
- (d) a retaining screw for engaging the first internal screw thread on the first screw portion and resting in abutment with the head, thereby substantially precluding rotation of the shaft relative to the first screw portion,

wherein said first and second screw portions each have an external screw thread and the external screw thread of the first screw portion and the external screw thread of the second screw portion are ~~having a first thread direction~~ and configured to engage a bore formed in the first and second members.

17. (Currently amended) A fixation device according to claim 16, wherein:

- (a) said first screw portion is a collar screw;
- (b) said longitudinal shaft includes a first external screw thread; and
- (c) said second screw portion includes a first second internal screw thread

corresponding to said ~~first~~ external screw thread of the first screw portion on said longitudinal shaft,

wherein assembly of the fixation device includes passing said longitudinal shaft through a centre of said collar screw prior to threadedly engaging said second internal screw thread ~~portion~~ on said longitudinal shaft.

18. (Currently amended) The fixation device of claim 17, further comprising a lock nut having a ~~second~~ third internal screw thread corresponding with said ~~first~~ external screw thread of the first screw portion on said longitudinal shaft, said lock nut maintaining a position of said second screw portion on said longitudinal shaft.

19. (Previously presented) The fixation device of claim 16, wherein said first screw portion is a collar screw with an opening along its length for receiving a length of said longitudinal shaft.

20. (Currently amended) The fixation device of claim 16, wherein said head includes a second external screw thread in a second thread direction, and wherein said first screw portion includes a ~~third~~ fourth internal screw thread corresponding to said second external screw thread to facilitate assembly of the fixation device by screwing said first screw portion over said head.

21. (Previously presented) The fixation device of claim 20, wherein said second external screw thread on the head has a leading end and a trailing end, and wherein said trailing end terminates in a flat end to substantially preclude engagement with a threaded member.

22. (Currently amended) The fixation device of claim 20, wherein said ~~third~~ fourth internal screw thread has a leading end and a trailing end, and wherein said trailing end terminates in a flat end to substantially preclude engagement with a threaded member.

23. (Previously presented) The fixation device of claim 16, wherein said longitudinal

shaft is flexible.

24. (Previously presented) The fixation device of claim 16, wherein said external screw thread of said first and second screw portions are configured to engage the bore when the first and second members are bone.

25. (Canceled)